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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 3, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please enter the following amendments without prejudice.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 15-18, and 20 without prejudice to their presentation in a continuing patent application.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. A method of modulating cellular uptake and distribution of a peptide nucleic acid comprising the steps of:

(a) conjugating said peptide nucleic acid with a group selected from alkyl, lipid, and steroid;

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